

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 77

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the Big Spring Master Gardener Association upon its receipt of the 2022 Volunteer Group Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should specially recognize those estimable citizens and organizations that have dedicated their time and energies to helping others; and

WHEREAS, the Big Spring Master Gardener Association (BSMGA) received the 2022 Volunteer Group Award from the Boys & Girls Club of Greeneville and Greene County in recognition of its laudable commitment to horticultural awareness within the community; and

WHEREAS, the award was presented by Scott Bullington, executive director of the Boys & Girls Club, at the organization's annual staff and volunteer awards reception in December; and

WHEREAS, invested in environmental and gardening education in the local community, BSMGA members have volunteered with the Boys & Girls Club since 2011; and

WHEREAS, members of the BSMGA Boys & Girls Club Demonstration Garden Project include Jerry Kische, Beth Hembree, Darlene Moore, Joe Brown, Michelle Bradley, Charlotte Smith, Linda Kilby, and Leta Bishop; and

WHEREAS, the goal of the project is to provide gardening education by engaging youth in hands-on activities, understanding key concepts, and building responsibility for the environment; and

WHEREAS, youth involved in the garden project assist in planning, preparing the soil, and planting, and they actively participate in the harvesting process; their efforts also include composting, weeding, irrigation, companion planting, and cover crops; and

WHEREAS, in addition to maintaining twenty raised beds in the vegetable garden, they planted a pollinator garden to learn about butterflies, bees, and other insects that are both beneficial and detrimental to the gardens; and

WHEREAS, the volunteers of the Big Spring Master Gardener Association are model citizens; their commitment to helping others through volunteerism epitomizes the spirit of the Volunteer State, and they should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the Big Spring Master Gardener Association for its outstanding community leadership, congratulate the organization as an esteemed recipient of the 2022 Volunteer Group Award, and extend our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.